



State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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Dear District Administrator:

I am pleased to announce that the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) is accepting grant applications for Even Start Family Literacy programs. School districts and community-based organizations working in partnership are encouraged to apply. The grant guidelines and application can be found at http://dpi.wi.gov/titleone/esfl_forms.html.

Even Start Family Literacy programs are family-centered programs providing participating families with an integrated program of early childhood education, adult education and basic skills instruction, parenting education, and interactive literacy activities between parents and children. Grant projects must have some home-based instruction and provide for the joint participation of parents and children.

Grant applications are for four-year projects. Award recipients will receive funding for the 2009-10 school year with a possibility of non-competitive, continued funding for three additional years. Continued funding is based upon available funds from the United States Department of Education and the grantee's progress towards meeting performance objectives. Applicants should be advised that the future of the Even Start Family Literacy program will be determined by the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Grant applications must be received by the DPI **no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 19, 2009**. Please direct all questions regarding this grant program to Kathleen Jackson, education consultant, at (608) 266-9616 or kathleen.jackson@dpi.wi.gov.

Thank you for your continual work to assist the families, children, and youth in your communities.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Burmaster
State Superintendent

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